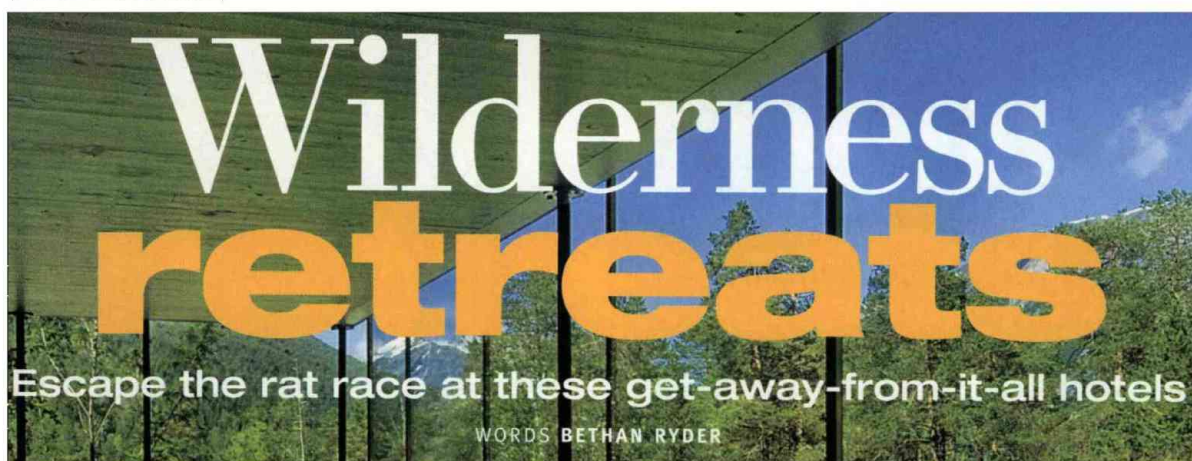


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JUVET LANDSCAPE HOTEL *Gudbrandsjuvet, Norway*

BEST FOR... intrepid explorers (aka Vikings...)

WHERE? On the ancient farmstead of Burtigard, in northwest Norway, the Juvet is surrounded by lush forest and rugged scenery, from mountain highs to valley – and fjord – lows.

THE LOOK Stay in one of seven eco-chic cabins – minimalist ‘cubes’ constructed from pine and a whole lotta glass and perched atop steel stilts. Nothing

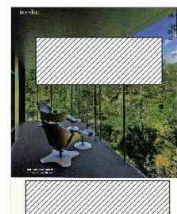
detracts from Mother Nature – interiors are sparsely furnished in earthy tones with just a burst of yellow in the bathrooms. Dine in the former cowshed and lounge around the fire in a converted sheep barn.

USP Getting back to nature Nordic-style. Wake to the sounds of birdsong and the gushing of the Valdola river. This

is as close to camping as you can get without the canvas.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS Choose from a range of activities, including hiking, rock climbing, trout fishing, rafting and skiing. Or get steamy in the spa while watching the river rush by.

MORE INFO Double rooms from £270 per night (+47 950 32 010, juvet.com).



AMANGIRI

Utah, USA

BEST FOR... lonesome cowboys

WHERE? Canyon Point, deep in a valley in the midst of the raw 'n' rocky desert landscape of southern *Utah*, not far from the Arizona border.

THE LOOK Designed to blend in with the desert, Amangiri is a modernist vision of cream stone, exposed concrete and walnut. Floor-to-ceiling glazing, skylights and outdoor fire lounges in the 34 suites make for incredible views of craggy golden mesas (flat-topped rock formations) and an infinite expanse of blue sky – this is real cowboy country.

USP 'Amangiri' is Sanskrit for 'peaceful mountain' and the vast, state-of-the-art spa and outdoor pool definitely make this a sublime Navajo Zen experience.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS Bound to bring out the John Wayne in even refined urbanites, daredevil activities include horse riding, rock climbing, kayaking, canyoning and fishing trips at the nearby Lake Powell.

MORE INFO Suites from £550 per night (00800 2255 2626, amanresorts.com).

SERINN HOUSE

Cappadocia, Turkey

BEST FOR... fans of *The Flintstones*

WHERE? In Ürgüp, in the historic Cappadocia region of central Turkey, famous for its lunar-like landscape of volcanic rock formations.

THE LOOK Eat your heart out, Fred and

Wilma. This five-room boutique hotel is built from local stone, and features cave-like rock-formation interiors, enabling you to live like a prehistoric human, only with Wi-Fi.

USP There aren't many places where you can sleep in a cave surrounded by contemporary pieces by the likes of Ron Arad, Maarten Baas and Konstantin Grcic.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS Watch this eerie landscape change as the sun rises from the tranquil, airy heights of a hot-air balloon. Otherwise, try earthbound pursuits and traverse the rocky terrain on horseback, bike or by foot. There are also ancient underground cities and churches to explore.

MORE INFO Doubles from £100 per night (+90 384 341 60 76, serinnhouse.com).

WILSON ISLAND

Great Barrier Reef, Australia

BEST FOR... island castaways

WHERE? Wilson Island is part of the Great Barrier Reef. Just off the coast of Queensland, it's surrounded by the azure waters of the Pacific Ocean.

THE LOOK Just six luxury 'tents' (more like canvas cabins) are dotted around this idyllic tropical island, each one furnished with the essential hammock for idle lazing. Guests are allocated their own showers in the washhouse, while communal dinners cooked on barbecues take place in the Longhouse, a timber-roofed pavilion.

USP Spectacular ocean views aside, this is a nature lover's paradise. You might spy humpback whales, turtles hatching in the moonlight and incredible marine

and bird life.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS It's tempting to be a barefoot beach bum, but the technicolour marvels of the reef are on your doorstep, so get snorkelling!

MORE INFO From £612 per night, all inclusive; minimum stay two nights (+61 3 9413 6288, wilsonisland.com).

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- Check out the R&R section of abercrombiekent.com and peruse choices from kasbahs in the Atlas mountains of Morocco to exotic Six Senses resorts and lodges in Botswana.

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